in the stem portion 55 of the outer joint ring 51 larger than the outer diameter d_1 of the C-shaped clip 77. This would make it possible to allow said clip 77 to be mounted to or dismounted from the shaft bore 82 of the stem portion 55 with a tool such as snap ring pliers.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 10-13, 15, 17, and 18 as follows:

10. (Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly according to claim 9, wherein a stem portion of the outer joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint is made hollow, and the hollow portion is allowed to communicate with a house portion of the outer joint ring.

11. (Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly having a fixed type constant velocity universal joint, coupled to a wheel bearing, mounted to one end portion of an intermediate shaft, and a sliding type constant velocity universal joint, coupled to a differential, mounted to the other end portion of said intermediate shaft,

wherein an allowable plunging down to a bottom portion of an outer joint ring of said sliding type constant velocity universal joint is set to at least a width of an inner joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint at a minimum operative angle of the sliding type constant velocity universal joint,

wherein a stem portion of the outer joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint is made hollow, and the hollow portion is allowed to communicate with a house portion of the outer joint ring,

wherein an end cap is mounted to a communicating region between the hollow portion of said stem portion and said mouse portion, and a communicating portion is formed substantially at a center of the end cap.

12. (Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly according to claim 9, wherein said wheel bearing is plastically connected to the outer joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint.

13. (Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly according to claim 9, wherein a seal boot is mounted on a stub shaft or on an outer diameter portion of the other end portion of said intermediate shaft.

15. (Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly according to claim 9, wherein one of a plurality of rows of races in said wheel bearing is formed on an outer diameter portion of a hub ring constituting the wheel bearing, and another race is formed on an outer diameter portion of a separate inner ring engaging the outer joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint.

17. (Amended) A drive wheel bearing assembly according to claim 9, wherein at least one of a plurality of rows of races of said wheel bearing is formed integrally on an outer diameter portion of the outer joint ring of said fixed type constant velocity universal joint.